

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

April 4th 1885

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The Coining room could spare some of the female Operatives, provided the minor Coinage is to be suspended for any considerable time.

I enclose by your request a list of the employees, classified into three classes.

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